

Amendments to the Drawings:

FIG. 3 has been amended to remove superimposed characters.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005. Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 9, and 13 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, and 10-12 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims number 1, 4-9, and 13-18 remain pending in the present application.

The specification was amended to correct a typographical error. The Examiner objected to FIG. 3 for having superimposed characters that hinder reading. A corrected drawing sheet complying with 37 CFR 1.21(d) is submitted herewith in which the superimposed characters have been removed. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 9-11 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Smith et al. US Patent Number 5,949,289. The Examiner indicated that claims 15-18 are allowed, and claims 3-8, 12-14 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

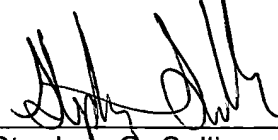
In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claims 2 and 3, and claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claims 10-12. Claim 4 also has been amended to depend from claim 1, and claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1, 4-9, and 13-18 are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to issue of claims 1, 4-9, and 13-18 as now presented.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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